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SUBJ: ORGANIZATION OF COCOM LIST REVIEWS

REFS: A)COCOM DOC. PROC (76) 8, B) PRACHT LETTER L/L7/77, C) STATE 29075.

- 1. US COUNTERPROPOSAL INCORPORATING CHANGES CONTAINED IN REF C WAS SUBMITTED FEBRUARY 11 IN COCOM DOC. PROC (76) 8.3. THESE CHANGES, HOWEVER, INVITE QUESTIONS ON WHICH CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED FOR THE DISCUSSION TO COME.
- 2. NEW PARAGRAPH II(E): LANGUAGE OF THIS INSERTION, ESPECIALLY THE PHRASE "PROPOSALS WHICH DO NOT CONFORM WITH ONE OF THE ABOVE FOUR DEFINITIONS", IS AMBIGUOUS AND ITS INTENTION UNCLEAR. WHAT SORT OF PROPOSAL IS NEITHER "ORIGINAL", "COUNTER", "REVISED", NOR "FOR CONSISTENCY"? WHAT EDAC APPARENTLY HAD IN MIND WAS "PROPOSALS WHICH, BECAUSE OF TARDY SUBMISSION OR FAILURE TO OBTAIN BACKING OF ANOTHER DELEGATION, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE AT LIST REVIEW SESSIONS..." IF INTENTION OF THIS NEW PARAGRAPH IS MERELY TO REAFFIRM THE RIGHT OF MEMBERS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS IN THE DEF SERIES FOR CONSIDERATION OUTSIDE THE LIST RECONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW, USDEL QUESTIONS WHETHER IT IS REALLY NECESSARY. IN ANY EVENT, BELIEVE LANGUAGE OF SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD BE CLARIFIED AS ABOVE.

3. PARAGRAPH III(E): THE EXTENSION OF TIME BETWEEN ROUNDS TO MINIMUM OF FIVE MONTHS, MAXIMUM OF SIX WILL ALMOST SURELY BE OPPOSED BY OTHER MEMBERS. POSSIBILITY OF

A SIX-MONTH INTERVAL MEANS, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IF FIRST ROUND BEGINS IN OCTOBER (AS IN 1974) AND ENDS IN MID-DECEMBER, SECOND MIGHT BEGIN AS LATE AS JUNE 15 WHICH WOULD ALLOW FAR TOO LITTLE TIME FOR ITS COMPLETION BEFORE SUMMER RECESS. SIMILAR PROBLEM WOULD ARISE IF FIRST ROUND BEGAN IN SPRING. USDEL NEEDS CONVINCING EXPLANATION OF WHY EDAC AGENCIES CANNOT DO ALL NECESSARY PREPARATORY WORK ENGENDERED BY FIRST ROUND IN MAXIMUM OF FIVE MONTHS.

4. PARAGRAPH V(C): ADDITION OF LANGUAGE TO FINAL SENTENCE MAKES EVEN MORE NOTICEABLE THE OMISSION OF ANY ASSUR-ANCE THAT EXPERTS WILL BE PRESENT WHEN NEEDED. ABSENCE OF US EXPERTS IN SECOND DISCUSSION OF SOME ITEMS RESHE-DULED DURING 1974 LIST REVIEW NOT ONLY HANDICAPPED OUR DELEGATION BUT WAS A SOURCE OF IRRITATION TO OTHER DELS. PART VIII OF UK PROPOSAL, ENTITLED "ATTENDANCE OF EX-PERTS", WAS ADDRESSED PRECISELY TO THIS PROBLEM. IN DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER OTHER DELS WILL WISH TO KNOW WHETHER US EXPERTS WILL BE AT DISPOSAL OF THE US DELE-GATION WHENEVER NEEDED. WHILE REALIZING OUR LOGISTICAL PROBLEM, USDEL BELIEVES OUR PROPOSAL SHOULD TAKE SOME ACCOUNT OF THIS NEED, AND SUGGESTS ADDITION OF LANGUAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "TO THE EXTENT POS-SIBLE, DELEGATIONS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR EXPERTS ARE AVAILABLE WHEN NECESSARY."

5. REQUEST CLARIFICATION. FURTHERMORE, USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE SOME DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY IN NEGOTIATING CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS MATTER AND REQUESTS THAT IT BE DEFINED IN HIS INSTRUCTIONS.

6. COMMITTEE HAS SET MARCH 1ST DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS ON US COUNTERPROPOSAL. KATZ

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